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SUBJ: FIVE NEW PRESIDENTS NAMED FOR STATE ENTERPRISES,
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1. FIVE NEW CHAIRMAN/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (PRESIDENT DIRECTOR GENERAL) HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR GOT ENTERPRISES IN CONSTRUCTION AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES AND FOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES.

2. CHEDLI TNANI IS NAMED HEAD OF THE SOCIETE TUNISIENNE D'ENGRAIS CHIMIQUES (STEC - TUNISIAN CHEMICAL FERTILIZER COMPANY - PRODUCER OF SUPER PHOSPHATES AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS. ALSO MARKETS AMMONITRATES, PESTICIDES AND POTASH). TNANI WAS FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CENTER NATIONAL DES ETUDES INDUSTRIELLES (CNEI - NATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES). HE IS REPLACED THERE BY SADOK BAHROUN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY UTILITY COMPANY (STEG - UNCLASSIFIED

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SOCIETE TUNISIENNE D'ELECTRICITE ET DU GAZ) AND ONE-TIME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PLAN. TWO NEW CEMENT COMPANY PRESIDENTS ARE NOUREDDINE FOURATI, WHO NOW HEADS SOCIETE DES INDUSTRIES CIMENTIERES DE L'OUEST (WESTERN CEMENT INDUSTRIES COMPANY - PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION START-UP EXPECTED EARLY NEXT YEAR), AND TAHAR ABDELWAHED, WHO TAKES OVER FOURATI'S PRE-

VIOUS POSITION AS HEAD OF SOCIETE DES CEMENTS ARTIFICIELS TUNISIENS (TUNISIAN ARTIFICIAL CEMENT COMPANY). (FYI: FOURATI ALSO IS CHAIRMAN OF NEW GOT HOLDING GROUP OF STATE AND MIXED STATE/PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. END FYI.) ALL FOUR EXECUTIVES WERE INSTALLED IN THEIR NEW POSTS EARLY THIS MONTH BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MINES AND ENERGY RACHID SFAR (THE MINISTER WITH OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE ENTERPRISES).

3. ALSO NAMED IS NEW HEAD OF OMNIUM DES MATERIAUX PREFABRIQUES (PREFABRICATED MATERIALS GROUP). HE IS ZOUHEIR LAKHAL, FORMER INGENIEUR GENERAL WITH MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS. AT CEREMONY HELD FOR INSTALLATION OF LAKHAL, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EQUIPMENT LARBI MALLAKH UNDERLINED GOT'S INTEREST IN INTRODUCING MORE MODERN TECHNIQUES TO BUILDING SECTOR IN ORDER TO CUT COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND SPEED UP HOUSING PROGRAM. (FYI: THE OMNIUM CURRENTLY PRODUCES PREFABRICATED CONCRETE PANELLING FOR INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND IS SCOUTING MARKET FOR PORTABLE EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE PANELLING ON-SITE FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TOOK PART IN USDOC-SPONSORED SEMINAR ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL HELD IN TUNIS LAST MONTH. END FYI.)
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